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HISTORY SYLLABUS FOR IX AND XI CLASSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Education Training and Research has modified the structure of the newly released History syllabus for classes IX and XI;

(b) if so, whether any controversy has arisen with the Historians and Academicians alleging that the syllabus ignored areas like medieval History;

(c) if so, whether the Council had invited the suggestions of well known historians and other learned personalities while making modifications in syllabus; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the names of such Historians alongwith their comments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) The NCERT has partly modifiedthe syllabus as per the new National Curriculum Frameworkfor School Educationas far as Class IX is concerned.For Class XI, thereis no change in syllabus. A few historians have raised objections against the syllabus. As informed by the Councilthey sought suggestions from well known historians and other experts in the field. Someof the historians/experts consulted for suggestions include, Prof. G.C. Pande, Chairman, Indian Institute of AdvanceStudies, Shimla, Prof. Y. Vaikuntham, Former Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Prof. V.K. Vashishtha, Retired Professorof History, Rajasthan University, Jaipur, Dr. Meenakshi Jain, Nehru Fellow, NehruMemorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, Prof. G. Khurana, Former Head, Department of History, Kurukshetra University, Prof. Shivaji Singh,Retired Professor of History, GorakhpurUniversity, Gorakhpur, Prof. M.G.S. Narayanan, Chairman, Indian Council for Historical Research, New Delhi.